

Dear FCC commissioners:

I am writing to express my concern at the proposed expansion of the Low Power FM (LPFM) service, because of their negative effect on FM translator services that are currently serving thousands of listeners in remote areas.

Advocates of LPFM, mainly businesses looking for make a profit, feel there is little value in national or regional organizations that serve the public through FM translators. They are, of course, looking at purely from a profit motive. However, I can assure you that FM translators are of great value, and I can prove it. In the case, the proof comes from consumers who are "voting" with their wallets, not business people looking for an excuse to extract money from wallets.

One particular situation I mention is the KLOVE radio network. As you know, KLOVE is a non-profit network and as such, must be supported completely by it's listeners. The support it receives from those listeners is a direct testament to the value they place on KLOVE and its use of FM translators. While business people who currently have nothing invested in such services will try to convince you that they lack value, the listening public have "voted" otherwise.

I cannot say enough about the value of a national network such as KLOVE. It brings families that are seperated by divorce, travel, college, etc... together, as all members can be listening to the same programs in many locations around the nation. It provides a sense of home to listeners who may have to re-locate across the country to a new location where they know no one. On long distance car trips it allow one to listen to a constant "companion" by being able to pick up various network stations along the way. These are real situations provided by listener call-ins during KLOVE listener support fund raisers.

Certainly very few, if any, for-profit broadcasters will ever come close to providing such a deep impact to such a large audience. Please consider this segement of the public who are all "voting" financially for the use of FM translators over LPFM.

Sincerely,
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